

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamburg was called to order by Mayor Thomas P. Tallman at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026 at the Village Hall, 100 Main Street, Hamburg, New York.

PRESENT:	Thomas P. Tallman	Mayor
	Laura Hackathorn	Trustee
	Holly Park	Trustee
	Jeff Davis	Trustee
	Edward J. Murphy, III	Village Attorney
	Jason Cozza	Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
	Mary McKee	Deputy Clerk
	Marc Shuttleworth	Supt. of Public Works
	Richard Schara	Police Chief
	Jacie Schmid	Recreation Leader
Excused:	Paul Gaughan	Deputy Mayor
	Joshua Haeick	Recreation Supervisor

1. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Monday, July 6, 2026.

AYES: Four

NAYS: None

CARRIED

PUBLIC EXPRESSION: *Joyce Bigelow, 103 Long Avenue, is concerned about the traffic on Long Avenue. She cited cars travelling at high speeds from Center to Pierce, and she is concerned about the many children and grandchildren in that area. Ms. Bigelow would like the Village to consider speed humps to slow down traffic or even digital speed notification. She said she spoke with the police and they are willing to set up speed traps, but there is really no place for the police to "hide" along that route. Mayor Tallman thanked Ms. Bigelow for coming in and said the police will step up patrols in that area. The Mayor said emergency personnel do not love the speed humps, but he has talked with the DPW Superintendent about the possibility of additional signage or other alternatives. Ms. Bigelow noted the most egregious time is from 3-9 p.m.*

CORRESPONDENCE: Brendan Moses, *Conor Long Foundation*, re: request to hold the 11th Annual Bulldog Dash 5K Run/Walk in the village on Sunday, October 18, 2026

TRUSTEE MOTIONS:

2. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Village of Hamburg and Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Hamburg Department of Public Works, unit of Local 815 and to authorize Mayor Thomas P. Tallman and Village Administrator Jason T. Cozza to sign said Agreement. This approval and authorization shall be contingent upon final review and approval by the Village Administrator and Village Attorney. The term of Agreement shall be June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2030.

AYES: Four

NAYS: None

CARRIED

3. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to approve updated Building Design Standards for the Village of Hamburg. The Design Standards, titled "Village of Hamburg Building & Site Design Standards" and dated April 2026, shall replace "Village of Hamburg Building Design Standards

Prepared by Clark Patterson Lee" previously adopted by the Village Board of Trustees in 2007. The new Design Standards shall take effect immediately.

AYES: Four
NAYS: None
CARRIED

4. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, that the Village Recreation Commission recommends the Board approve the salary for the following Recreation Attendant PT Seasonal for the 2026 Spring/Summer season, effective July 21, 2026:

KIDSPLAY

Torri Scholl	\$16.35/hr
3174 Old Lakeview Rd.	

AYES: Four
NAYS: None
CARRIED

5. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to approve a request by the Conor Long Foundation to hold the 11th annual *Bulldog Dash 5K Run/Walk* on Sunday, October 18, 2026 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Village of Hamburg, subject to the applicant providing a *Facility Use Application and Agreement*, the approved race route, and the appropriate insurance.

AYES: Four
NAYS: None
CARRIED

6. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Trustee Hackathorn, to authorize Mayor Thomas P. Tallman to sign the updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Hamburg and the Hamburg Central School District for School Resource Officer (SRO) services through June 30, 2028.

AYES: Four
NAYS: None
CARRIED

7. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Trustee Davis,

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamburg Police Department has one (1) vacant Police Officer position; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Richard Schara has notified the Board of Trustees of this vacancy and has sufficiently explained the urgent need to hire a Police Officer in an expedient manner; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of Chief Schara, the Village of Hamburg desires to hire Police Officer Jeremy Lilga to fill the vacant Police Officer position; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lilga currently resides at 8949 Hammond Drive, Eden, NY at a residence that is beyond four miles from the nearest Village boundary and therefore does not satisfy the residency requirement as outlined in Village of Hamburg Code Section 54-6; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lilga has informed the Village that in the future he desires to reside at a residence that is within four miles of nearest Village boundary and will make every effort to do so; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Village of Hamburg Code Section 54-9, the Village Board of Trustees may waive the residency requirement should the Board determine that it is in the best interest of the Village to do so; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Village of Hamburg Code Section 54-9, the Village Board of Trustees hereby waives the residency requirement for Jeremy Lilga to allow him to continue to reside at 8949 Hammond Drive, Eden, NY as the Board has made the determination that it is in the best interest of the Village to do so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees grants this waiver for a period of one (1) year from the adoption of this resolution and that prior to the completion of the one (1) year period Mr. Lilga shall provide the Board of Trustees a written update as to his future plans for residency in relation to Village of Hamburg Code Chapter 54 Article III Residency Requirements.

AYES: Four

NAYS: None

CARRIED

8. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Trustee Hackathorn, to authorize Mayor Thomas P. Tallman to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Hamburg Police Benevolent Association regarding the hiring of Jeremy Lilga at a higher salary step than stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement between the Village and the PBA.

AYES: Four

NAYS: None

CARRIED

9. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Trustee Hackathorn, to appoint Jeremy Lilga, 8949 Hammond Drive, Eden, NY as a Village Police Officer, effective July 27, 2026 and subject to satisfactory completion of a background check. Appointment is pending Erie County Civil Service approval. The starting salary shall be \$90,515.

AYES: Four

NAYS: None

CARRIED

10. **MOTION** by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Park, to recommend that the Village Board approve Site Plan Application #2026-00972, 20 S. Buffalo Street, for a 12' x 44.6' addition to the south side of the building at *Foxglove Pub*, as presented by owner Andrew Zalikowski and architect Michael Lukaszewski. Neighborhood Commercial Corridor (NCC). Said Site Plan having been reviewed by the Planning Commission at their meeting of June 23, 2026, and the Planning Commission having made a recommendation in writing to this Board that said Site Plan be approved, and this Board having reviewed said Site Plan, the Board of Trustees hereby **APPROVES**: Site Plan Application #2026-00972 for an addition at *Foxglove Pub*, 20 S. Buffalo Street, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

AYES: Four

NAYS: None

CARRIED

11. **MOTION** by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Park, to recommend that the Village Board approve a revised Site Plan, Application #2026-00347, for removal of the proposed smoking patio at 4236 Clark Street, *J. P. Fitzgerald's* as presented by Steve Geltz of Daryl Martin Architects. Gateway Commercial (GC). Said updated Site Plan having been reviewed by the Planning Commission at their meeting of June 23, 2026, and the Planning Commission having made a recommendation in writing to this Board that said Site Plan be approved, and this Board having reviewed said Site Plan, the Board of Trustees hereby **APPROVES**: The updated Site Plan, Application #2026-00347 for *J.P. Fitzgerald's*, 4236 Clark Street, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

AYES: Four
NAYS: None
CARRIED

12. **MOTION** by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Hackathorn, to recommend the Village Board approve the Application for Certificate of Compliance for building design standards for a 12' x 44.6' addition at 20 S. Buffalo Street, *Foxglove Pub* as presented by owner Andrew Zalikowski and architect Michael Lukaszewski. The materials will match the existing building with Hardiboard siding and colors to match. A circular stained-glass window will be added to the front, matching the three existing ones. No windows are proposed on the south elevation. The addition will be set back from the front approximately 1 ft. Said application having been reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) at their meeting of June 16, 2026, and the Architectural Review Committee having made a recommendation to this Board that said application be approved, and this Board having reviewed said application, the Board of Trustees hereby **APPROVES**: the Application for Certificate of Compliance for building design standards for an addition at 20 S. Buffalo Street, *Foxglove Pub*, as recommended by the Architectural Review Committee

AYES:
NAYS:

13. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to authorize the payment of the Village of Hamburg Accounts for the period ending July 20, 2026.

GENERAL FUND.....	\$237,519.32
CAPITAL FUND	4,820.00
TRUST & AGENCY FUND.....	<u>256,359.66</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$508,698.98

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:

Recreation Dept.: *Recreation Leader Jacie Schmid reported that the summer programming is in full swing and they are beginning to work on the fall afterschool and flag football programs.*

Police Dept.: *Police Chief Rick Schara thanked the residents and the Burgerfest organization for all they did to make Burgerfest a success this past Saturday. The Chief reported that people came out to enjoy the festival, despite the threat of weather, and there were really no issues to speak of. Great day for the Village of Hamburg.*

Department of Public Work.: DPW Superintendent Marc Shuttleworth said his crews are working on sidewalks, among other things, so if anyone has high sidewalks and would like them replaced, please call down to the DPW and they will get them on the schedule.

FURTHER PUBLIC EXPRESSION: Bob Sillence, 339 Pleasant Avenue, submitted a document that he said was a right-of-way the Village secured in 1925 to access property along the former train station between Haviland and Pleasant Avenue, noting that that does not make it a street. Village Attorney Ed Murphy reminded Mr. Sillence they had previously discussed the document, and the Village is still trying to make a determination if there was a right of way. In the meantime, the Village is still negotiating with the current owners of the property.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Tallman reminded everyone that the mid-week Market has returned to the Village on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Mayor also announced that Slow Roll Hamburg is coming up on Thursday, July 30 from 6-9 pm, with the bikers starting at Coyote Café.

Finally, Mayor Tallman reiterated that Burgerfest was a success despite the calls for bad weather, and he thanked the Department of Public Works for all of the efforts in getting the Burgerfest banner up.

The next Work Session of the Board with department heads and staff will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2026. Pending matters, including agenda items for the Regular Board Meeting, will be discussed.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2026. These meetings are open to the press and public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason T. Cozza

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Village Administrator